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11. (SBU) PolCouns passed A/S Carson's request for a meeting with President Zuma on the margins of the AU Summit to Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) USA Director on January 15, and included contact information for USAU acting DCM Maybury. DIRCO officials acknowledged passing this information to members of the delegation and their AU mission, but were initially reluctant to provide further information.

12. (SBU) On January 22, PolCouns reached Roxane Human of the DIRCO African Union desk. She confirmed that the SAG delegation (the main group of which will depart on Saturday, January 23) had received the request, but did not know what the response would be. She was able to confirm that both President Zuma and DIRCO Minister Nkoana-Mashabane would be in Addis Ababa for the summit. She said the contact person with the delegation would be a Miss T. Tsheole, who would be carrying cellphone (251) (0)91-033-1327 and be monitoring e-mail TsheoleT@foreign.gov.za. A Mr. Thabo Thage might also be able to help. He would be carrying cellphone (27) (0)82-940-0646.